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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion with Kenneth Sprankle, Staff Member of
the House Appropriations Committee, Concerning
a Special Clearance

1. On this date while talking with Kenneth Sprankle on another
subject, I again raised the question of a special briefing (not referred
to by name) in order to perfect his clearance and "sign him up."
Sprankle had been present at an Agency briefing session which touched
on the fringes of a special project.

2. I have mentioned this to Sprankle on several previous
occasions and he has seemed rather cool to the idea. Sprankle gave
several excuses for not receiving the briefing including a statement
that he really had not been present at the hearing when the subject
was discussed in any detail and his general feeling that he did not
like to receive any of this sensitive information unless it was absolutely
necessary. He also questioned my use of the term "sign him up."

3. I explained to Sprankle that because of the very sensitive
nature of this project, close records were maintained on persons who
received information concerning them. I also mentioned to him that
Sam Crosby, on his staff, had been briefed and cleared for this project.
I explained that "sign him up" referred to having him sign a secrecy
agreement on the project. Sprankle questioned the need for this procedure
and I attempted to explain to him that the execution of a secrecy agreement
accomplished several things: it emphasized on the individual the importance
of the sensitivity attached to the project; made it clear as to precisely
what the individual's responsibility was in connection with his clearance;
and provided a tangible record of the individual's acknowledgement of
this responsibility.

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4. Mr. Sprankle seemed to appreciate the points I had made in connection with the secrecy agreement but said he would discuss the matter further with Mr. Warner on his return from military leave.

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